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1. The population of the Russian sector of Berlin is reported to have been quiet on 18 June. Although many workers stayed home, others reported to their jobs, where they manifested neither restiveness nor enthusiasm. The Russian troops, who had been estimated as the equivalent of one full division at the peak of the disturbance on 17 June, are still in Berlin, although possibly in decreased numbers.
2. Transportation in East Berlin is still crippled. The Autobahn was closed throughout the night (17-18 June), but was reopened at 5:00 o'clock in the morning; traffic thereafter was normal.
3. It is estimated that between 800,000 and 1,000,000 people were on the streets during the disturbance.
4. There are unconfirmed reports of disturbances in Magdeburg on 17 June which required the presence of Soviet troops.

Comment: It is expected that the present calm will continue at least until the Soviet policy concerning East Germany is discerned more clearly. The repressive measures which have been taken will be effective in deterring the populace from any renewal of the rioting.

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